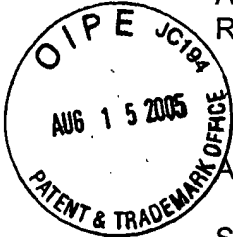


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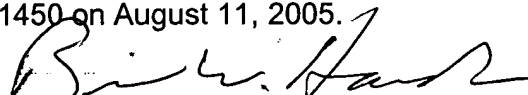
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2005 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on August 12, 2005. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings:** Please replace the previously filed drawing Figures 1-3 with the clean version of the amended drawing Figures 1-3 attached hereto in an appendix following the last page of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.